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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Council was established to advise the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on air-quality related issues; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, in recognition of the serious health and welfare issues associated with air pollution, declared the week of May 1, 2017 as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, NJDEP has a website (<http://www.nj.gov/dep/>) which provides information on air pollution in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, NJDEP has a CleanAirNJ website (www.cleanair.nj.gov) to educate the public about New Jersey's most persistent air pollution problem, ground-level ozone (also known as smog); and the role of the public in reducing the emissions that cause smog.

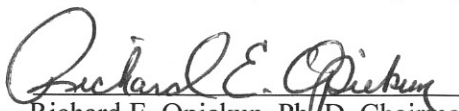
WHEREAS, the Clean Air Council acknowledges that air pollutants, including ozone, fine particulate matter, air toxics, and greenhouse gases, cause serious health and welfare issues for the citizens of New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Council is holding a public hearing on April 5, 2017, entitled "What Can Be Learned from Low Cost Air Quality Monitors: Best Uses and the Current State of Technology" to gather information to develop recommendations to the NJDEP on the best practices for using air monitoring data generated by the public.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clean Air Council hereby affirms the establishment in New Jersey of National Air Quality Awareness Week, May 1 - 5, 2017; and promotes education and awareness of the importance of ozone, fine particulate matter, air toxics, greenhouse gases, and other outdoor air quality issues during this week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clean Air Council urges citizens to become aware of air quality conditions, by signing up for EnviroFlash at www.enviroflash.info; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clean Air Council urges the general public, commerce, and industry of New Jersey to make personal and business choices which will improve the air quality of our state, especially when air quality is unhealthy.


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